

REMARKS

Claims 7-9, 11, 14, 16, 25-27, 29, 32, 34, 44-46, 48, 51, 53, and 55-62 remain pending. Claims 9, 11, 27, 29, 44, 46, and 48 are currently amended. No claims are canceled or added via the present submission.

Claims 9, 11, 14, 27, 29, 32, 46, 48, and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Gillespie et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,880,411). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) require that the applied prior art have a date of more than one year prior to the date of the application for patent in the United States. Therefore, the present rejection cannot be proper, because Gillespie et al. has a date of only one month prior to the date of the application.

However, the Gillespie et al. date is old enough to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(a) & (e), so applicant comments on the disclosed subject matter as follows:

Applicant's disclosed invention differs from the technology disclosed in Gillespie et al. For example, applicant's device receives a double tap as an equivalent of a single click of a mouse and a triple tap as an equivalent of a double click of a mouse. (Specification, page 17, line 10-21.) In contrast, the Gillespie et al. technology interprets a *single* tap as the equivalent of a single click of a mouse button and a *double* tap as an equivalent of a double click of a mouse button. (Column 34, lines 3-13.)

As shown above, claims 9, 11, 27, 29, 46, and 48 are now amended to recite the features of a double/triple tap being received as an equivalent of a single/double click of a mouse. Each of claims 14, 32, and 51 depends from one of these amended claims, so they include these features by virtue of their dependency.

Accordingly, applicant now requests the withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of claims 9, 11, 14, 27, 29, 32, 46, 48, and 51.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 7, 8, 16, 25, 26, 34, 44, 45, 53, and 55-62.

As a final matter, applicant amends claim 44 to address an informality.

In view of the remarks above, applicant now submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowability is hereby requested. If for any reason it is believed that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension, or any other fees which may be due, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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